

profession as a whole. De Roy has stated that nearly one-half of the engineers who replied to his letter and nine-page proposal for the society indicated "various degrees of endorsement to the proposal itself, with another group comprising more than 20 percent of the responses favoring action through already established organizations. In the aggregate, something over 70 percent of those who replied have indicated what may be described as favorable interest. It is my belief that these responses are too eloquent to be ignored." He appraises the possibilities of EJC or NSPE becoming broad engineering unity organizations, and concludes that neither, as presently operating, can fulfill the purposes he has outlined for a new national engineering society.

Auto Safety Proving Ground Urged

A vehicle and highway safety proving ground and a driving simulation laboratory are major facilities needed if progress is to be made in the field of highway safety, according to Alan S. Boyd, secretary of Transportation, in a recent report submitted to Congress. Based on a survey of existing research and testing capabilities, equipment, and facilities—both public and private—the report calls for full utilization of existing facilities in addition to the establishment of the proving ground and laboratory. In sending the report to Congress, Secretary Boyd pointed out that there have never been adequate government research and test facilities, a major reason for the painfully slow progress in virtually all of the many aspects of the highway safety field. A price tag of \$10 million is estimated for preliminary planning, engineering, and design work to implement the recommendations of the report.

Index Lists Engineering Opportunities

An index of career opportunities for graduating and experienced engineers with 1500 major employers has been recently published by Resource Publications, Inc. Titled *Index of Opportunity for Engineers*, the publication consists of 20 regional directories which provide full-page descriptions of the employers listed. Further information is available from the publisher, 194 Nassau Street, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

...for engineers, scientists, and technical industry is not being met, according to a recent report released by the Federal Power Commission. Describing the situation and suggesting possible programs to correct it in the future, the report is available on a limited basis from the FPC, Office of Public Information, Washington, D. C. 20426.

Federal Employee Groups Surveyed

Executive Order regulations preventing government "management officials" from holding office in, or representing employee organizations in contracts with Federal agencies cause the problems most frequently mentioned in a survey of engineering organizations formed under Executive Order 10988. Recently conducted by NSPE, the survey points out that "where agencies have applied this rule strictly, many engineers have felt constrained from active participation, which has hampered organizational development." NSPE has recommended that such restrictions be eased in the cases of organizations which hold only formal or informal, rather than exclusive, forms of agency recognition.

NSPE Advises On Union Representation

Advice on what to do about collective bargaining in state and local government is offered in a nine-page booklet published by NSPE. Outlining a program of action for state societies and PEG sections to assure that state collective bargaining legislation provides a separate vote for professional employees on union representation questions, the booklet (No. 1304) is available without charge from NSPE headquarters.

Government To Give States Technical Aid

Federal agencies have been authorized to provide special or technical services to state and local governments in cases where such services are not otherwise available under the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act recently signed by the President. Designed to better coordinate Federal assistance to states and to improve working relations among different levels of government, the act provides for such services on a reimbursable basis.

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